Monday 5th May

Message from the Principal

Congratulations to all our runners who represented our school at the Central Wollongong District Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. Once again our students represented our school with pride and put their best foot forward. A special congratulations to the following students: Christopher S, Nathan H-W and Eloise T who were successful in their age races and will represent our school at the Regional Cross Country Championships in a few weeks time.

With Mother's Day this coming Sunday, don't forget we will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall on Wednesday. Gifts will be $5 and there is a wide selection of choices just for mum. Thank you to Caro Simons and the team for the organisation of this stall. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The long anticipated “outdoor movie” night has rolled around and will take place this Friday out the back on Thomas Stadium (back oval named after our former Principal, Mr Wayne Thomas). Please see inside this newsletter for more information. Thank you to Steve Hailstone for getting this event off the ground, Stu Wilkinson for organising the incredible flyers and the P&C executive team for their endless work for our school. I hope to see everyone there for a night filled with fun and community spirit.

In week 3 this term our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a snapshot into our students English and Numeracy skills, together with this data and school based assessments our teachers can get a clear picture of how our students are progressing and where they need to go next.

Unfortunately, due to an accident at my own netball training, I will be away from school for a short period nursing a fractured elbow. Mrs Sarah Thurston will be sitting in my chair for this time, which I hope is not very long. I will still be getting regular updates and be involved in the decision-making process as this is not the start to my Principalship that I envisioned.

That is all from the Principal's desk this week.

Skye Hayward

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go." Dr Seuss

Remember: Mother's Day Stall, Wednesday 7th May. All gifts $5
Musica Viva Information
Figtree Heights will be hosting "JACANA" on Thursday 8th May, 11:30 – 12:30 in our School Hall for the performance "Sounds of the Australian Spirit" the cost will be $6 per student.

School Photo Day May 29th
Envelopes for student photos have been distributed. Envelopes can be returned with payment prior to photo day or sent in on the day. Sibling envelopes are available from the front foyer. Students are to be in full winter school uniform on photo day.

Figtree Heights Public School
Kindergarten 2015
We have begun our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2015.
‘In Area’ families with children who will be starting school in 2015 please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.
‘Out of Area’ families who have children already attending Figtree Heights and have a kindergarten child wishing to start in 2015, please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.
It is important the school receives enrolment information as soon as possible. If you have already handed in the above forms, thank you, you do not need to do it again.
If you know new families in our school area who have children ready to start in 2015 could you pass on this information (or slip this message in their letter box).
The school office has the list of streets that make up our area. Families who are unsure if they are ‘in-area’ can phone, email or call into the school office for more information.
Ph: 4228 6555
E: figtreehts.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Thank you for your assistance.

Winter Uniform Change-over to start this week
Due to the cold we are experiencing weather winter uniform change-over will commence this week (Week 2). For those parents new to the school we have a 2 week period where students can wear either winter or summer uniform to school, ready for full winter uniform at the beginning of week
Winter Uniform order update:
Uniform orders received by the 3/4/14 will be distributed to students at the end of this week.
Late orders (received after 3/4/14) will take approx. 3 weeks to process.

Focus on Reading (FoR) What is Focus on Reading?
Focus on Reading (FoR) is an intensive literacy program that explicitly teaches key aspects of reading in the middle (Years 2-4) and upper (Years 3-6) years. FoR focuses on comprehension strategies, vocabulary knowledge and reading fluency.
All FHPS teachers are involved in the program and have commenced their training. Teacher training will continue throughout this term, with implementation into classrooms to follow. Please watch this space for information, events and strategies you can implement at home.
If you have any questions or enquiries please contact me at school or email: sarah.thurston@det.nsw.edu.au
I am looking forward to the full implementation of this very worthwhile program.
Sarah Thurston
Focus on Reading FHPS School Leader

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their bronze wristband this Wednesday at morning assembly. WELL DONE!
School Phone App
To download our school phone app go to the iTunes store, type in Figtree Heights and simply download. Username: community. Password: figtreehstps
Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Figtree Heights Public School helps Stewart House charity by way of supporting their clothing appeal. Stewart House Clothing bags have been distributed. Please fill the bags with clean unwanted clothing and return the bags to school by Monday 5 May. Spare bags are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

School Newsletter
If you would like to receive your school newsletter by email, please forward your email address to: figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

Make a Wish and Envy Jewellery Fundraiser
In Memory of Emma Wolfe
(past student of FHPS)
A showcase of beautiful Envy Jewellery with 10% of each sale going to Make A Wish Foundation.
Where: Figgy Bowl
When: Monday 5th May 2014
Time: 4pm
For further details please see community noticeboard.

P&C News
Copies of the P&C 2014 AGM minutes are available from the school front foyer for anyone who would like a copy.

P&C Voluntary Contribution
Please remember to pay your P&C Voluntary Contribution for 2014. The amount is $50 per family and can be sent in as cash or cheque (made payable to FHPS P&C) or direct debited into the P & C account.
BSB: 062644 Account No: 00900425
Receipts will be issued with as soon as possible.

FREE
P&C Outdoor Movie Night
Daddy Daycare
Fri 9 May. Gates open 5pm.
Movie starts 6.15pm
Figtree Heights ‘Thomas Stadium’
(silver seats near school oval)
BYO dinner, nibbles, chairs & picnic blanket.
Bring little money as we will be holding a raffle on the night and refreshments will be available to purchase.

Mother’s Day Stall
Wednesday 7th May
All gifts will be $5. Students can bring money in on the day. There will be an opportunity for students to purchase a second gift if necessary.

WANTED! Boxes of Tissues
We are coming into our sneezing season. Teachers would appreciate if students could donate a box of tissues to assist with the high demand. Boxes of tissues can be dropped off at the school office or handed in to the class teacher.
Thank you for your anticipated donation!
2014 TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

Dear Parent / Carer / Friend,

We are running a Tea Towel Fundraiser! The students of Year 6 are running this popular group tea towel project to raise funds for their end of year present to the school.

The unique tea towel design is made up of portrait drawings by all our students and staff at Figtree Heights Public School. The drawings are arranged into one commemorative design and screen printed in bottle green onto high quality white tea towels.

We chose tea towels because the project gets the children involved, produces a wonderful memento and meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. The tea towels look amazing, are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of your child's early years. There is a sample tea towel hanging in the office to view.

COST: ONLY $12 for a limited edition tea towel OR
SAVE by ordering 2 or more for only $10 each (Total $20).

Tea towels can be ordered by dropping the order form below with payment to the school in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL ORDER".

Make sure you don't miss out! Preserve your child's artwork and remember friends and teachers forever!

We can't do it without you - support Year 6 and place your orders now and let's raise some funds.

Final orders are due before → Friday 13th June 2014

If you have any queries please call Lee Oyston 0407461889.

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TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Class: ___________

Contact Name and Phone Number: ________________________________________________

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1□ @ $12.00 each TOTAL $______
or
2□ 3□ 4□ 5□ @ $10.00 each TOTAL $______

TOTAL amount $___________
TOTAL Enclosed CASH ONLY $___________